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## MIKADO DIES AND NATIONS MOURN

### FRAUDS IN CUSTOMS HERE?

Undervaluation Scandal Will Be Unearthed by Agent, Is Report

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—It was learned here today definitely by the Star-Bulletin correspondent that the investigation that Special Agent Peyton Gordon, of the Department of Justice, has been sent to make in Hawaii has to do with alleged undervaluation of importations from Japan to Honolulu, San Francisco and other American ports.

Gordon is expected to obtain evidence for presentation to the federal grand jury in Honolulu, and it is learned that this evidence is expected to turn against Hawaiian importers.

The information above has been expected in some quarters here, and there have been intimations that the special agent would also take up other matters. The matter of undervaluation of imports, it is thought, has been revealed through the work of W. H. Tidwell, of the Treasury Department, who conducted a quiet sleuthing around the islands some weeks ago.

No added information could be obtained today on this subject from Governor Fernald, U. S. District Attorney R. W. Breckons, or Customs Collector E. L. Quirk, the two last named declining to discuss the news, saying that such information must be gained from the special agent or from the Attorney General at Washington.

It is intimated in other sources, however, that during the trial of one man here some time ago on the charge of undervaluing imported merchandise, the defendant testified in effect that "everybody was doing it," or that it was a common practice, and that further investigation on the strength of this hint had developed the fact that there was more or less truth in the defendant's assertion.

It is said that Special Agent Gordon's evidence will be largely the result of these later investigations. Just how far-reaching the inspection and the evidence may be, probably will not be fully known until it has been presented to the federal grand jury and that body has taken action.

HACKFELD CABLE GIVES STATUS OF SUGAR BILL

H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., received the following cablegram from its New York office this morning:

"Sugar bill has passed the Senate, 52 against 3.

Proposed duty 76 degrees, 95 cents.

"Additional for each degree, two and three-fifths cents. Polarization 100 figures \$1.60.

Cuba 20 per cent. less.

"Dutch standard and refined differential abolished.

"Bill will likely pass House, with the probability that it will be signed by the President of the United States."

Two thousands persons are homeless from floods at Salamanca, Mexico.

THE MULTIGRAPH  
A Machine of Economy

H. E. HENDRICK, LTD.  
Corner Merchant and Alakea

### COMMISSION IN ROW OVER SCHOOL DESKS

Marquez Threatens to Enjoin Letting of Contract to Another

LOWEST BIDDER DOES NOT GET THE BUSINESS

Turned Down, He Maintains the Specifications Shut Out All but One Firm

The Hawaiian News Company was awarded the contract for school desks by the Oahu Loan Fund Commission this morning, although its bid was the highest of three, being \$2957 against \$2939.60 bid by Arleigh & Company and \$2814.65 bid by the Office Supply Company—an excess of \$14.70 in one instance and \$142.35 in the other.

The matter was decided on a strict construction of the specifications, particularly with reference to the seat hinges, and the specifications it is declared, were plainly intended to shut out any desk but the "Peabody," the kind offered by the successful bidder. There was just one opening for a dispute in that regard, being the words "or its equivalent" following a prescription of one of the two or three "Peabody" types of attachments.

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### HOME RULERS LOSING MANY OLD LEADERS

Convention That Began Today Shows Great Decrease in Delegates

"Let the people have free hands"

With the above statement sounded through the convention hall, and with President Chas. K. Nottley seated in his chair on an elevated platform, the eighth convention of the Home Rule party was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning in Nottley Hall on Kukui street.

Nottley, who will unquestionably be nominated as a candidate for Delegate to Congress, on the Home Rule ticket, said this morning that he has always been in favor of letting the people have free hands in political matters. He believed that it is wrong for any party leaders to use coercion, as he said was evidenced during the Republican convention. This morning he told his Home Rule friends that they could nominate another man for Delegate to Congress on the Home Rule party, if they saw fit to do so, but as the committee on credentials, consisting of Jno. A. Baker, W. N. Kaupahu, and one other, failed to make his report at noon today the convention took a recess, subject to the call of the chair.

Not imposing.

Unlike former years, the convention of the Home Rule party was not imposing. The hall, which was filled to

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### DEATH COMES TO EMPEROR AT END OF LONG STRUGGLE

Report First Denied And Then Completely Confirmed

The first news of the death of the Mikado was given to Honolulu by the Star-Bulletin shortly after nine o'clock on the receipt of a "flash" by Associated Press cable. The report of the Mikado's death was formally denied by the Japanese consulate upon receipt of cabled news from Washington, but within a short time the consulate also received the report of the death.

DEATH FOLLOWS TWO WEEKS OF ILLNESS

(Associated Press Cable)  
TOKIO, Japan, July 29.—Emperor Mutsuhito died at 12:43 o'clock and Crown Prince Yoshihito has been proclaimed emperor from the steps of the palace. All the imperial princes were present and a vast crowd heard the proclamation.

(Associated Press Cable)  
TOKIO, Japan, July 29.—Emperor Mutsuhito is dead, and Yoshihito his son reigns in his stead.

The death of the monarch at 12:43 p. m. followed two weeks of illness during which time the greatest physicians of the empire have been in attendance and every resource known to medical science has been used in the battle for his life.

Yesterday afternoon the emperor reposed in a coma and it was announced by the attending physicians that death was but the matter of a few hours. The ministers of state with the members of the imperial families kept vigil through the night at the palace. The crown prince Yoshihito assumed the sceptre as death closed his father's eyes.

Mutsuhito was the 121st ruler of an unbroken dynasty founded 600 . C. and he was probably the most famous of his line. Under his reign which began in 1868 when after a brief war he overthrew the Shogun, Japan moved solitude in which the nation had held itself for centuries and became one of the greatest of the world powers.

During his career on the throne Japan waged two great wars, one with China and the second and last with Russia and was victorious in both conflicts.

Mutsuhito was born at Kyoto, Nov. 3, 1852, and succeeded his father Komei Tenno in 1867. He was married Dec. 28, 1868 to Princess Haruko, daughter of Prince Ichijo. By the ancient and regular law of succession the crown devolves upon the eldest son.

That Japan has a constitutional government is due in a great measure to the initiative of Mutsuhito. When he succeeded to the throne the power of the Mikado was absolute, although its exercise was controlled to some extent by custom and public opinion, but in 1875 when the Senate and Supreme Judicial Tribunal were founded

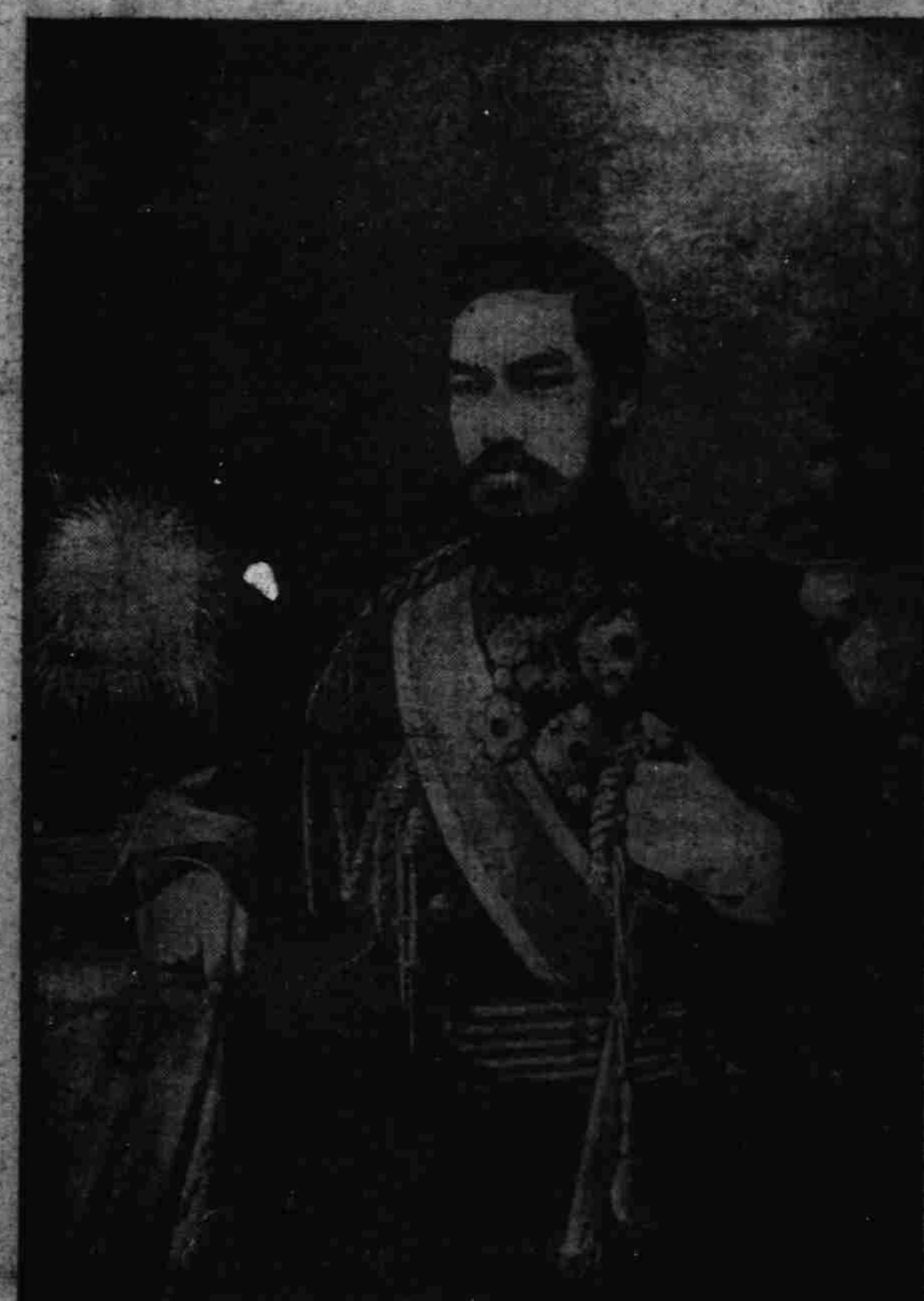
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Then there was another question. If we do not put on the Mikado what can we put on? The answer to this was that the company was not prepared to offer a substitute.

Finally it was determined to adopt heroic measures. "We will commit suicide," said Manager Kipling, and change the opera, substituting the Lord Mayor for the Mikado and leaving out all reference to the supreme ruler of Japan, past or present. The noted composers may turn in their graves at the idea but it is better so—better than some other things might happen.

So it was decreed, and a busy staff went to work with shears and pruning hooks, eliminating all reference to the Mikado from the various parts. Late this afternoon Manager Kipling telephoned that all his plans were in vain. He found the opera so per-

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EMPEROR MUTSUHITO OF JAPAN, WHO IS DEAD IN THE FORTY-FIFTH YEAR OF HIS REIGN.



YOSHIHITO, CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN, WHO SUCCEEDS TO IMPERIAL THRONE ON DEATH OF FATHER

AN APPRECIATION OF MUTSUHITO

By PROF. M. M. SCOTT.  
(Mr. Scott was decorated two months ago by Emperor Mutsuhito with the Fourth Order of the Rising Sun.)

The deceased Emperor of Japan ascended the ancient throne of his ancestors in the year 1868, at the age of 15. He has, therefore, reigned for 45 years, and yet was not by any means an old man. His reign during this time was the most momentous and far-reaching of any in this ancient empire—perhaps the most remarkable in the changes that have gone on during that time of any nation in history.

He found his country beset with grave difficulties, both internal and external. For seven hundred years there existed in Japan a feudalism, the most unique and perfect that the world has ever seen. It was his glory to see this ancient feudalism changed into a strong, united national government. In addition to this, foreign complications were settled and perfected on an honorable and perfect basis, giving Japan entire supervision over her external affairs. With all her poverty, an admirable system of schools and universities has been organized, as well as an efficient army and navy that are recognized as among the world most perfect organizations. A parliamentary system of government, unifying the laws in accordance with those of the most advanced nations, has been established. Scientific investigations that Japan's students have made are recognized the world over.

Indeed, changes have gone on so rapidly in Japan during his reign that some witty statesman in Europe said that Japan was the only nation in history that had "jumped out of her own skin." All these changes, and many more of a like nature, have been made during the forty-five years upon the throne of the deceased Emperor. The Japanese people and her statesmen had already begun to look for-

### HOW SUGAR TRUST TRIED TO CRUSH

(Associated Press Cable)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 29.—Harry Oxnard, the sugar magnate, today testified before the sugar trust investigators that Henry Havemeyer began a campaign in 1901 to crush the American beet sugar producers, the Missouri river valley territory being his particular point of attack.

He said that he himself was confronted with the proposition of selling half of his stock or going out of business. A letter from Havemeyer to James Stillman, the New York banker, was introduced, in which Havemeyer said he was ready to establish a community of interest with the Oxnards providing that they would transfer half of their stock.

### OAHU COLLEGE WIPES OUT DEBT IN REMARKABLE YEAR

Financial Statement Just Issued Is a Splendid Record

Oahu College's debt has been wiped out and a year of remarkable progress made, according to a report that has been prepared by P. C. Jones, treasurer, for the president and trustees of the institution.

### LEPER SETTLEMENT GIVES GENEROUSLY TO DUKE FUND

Public is Waking Up and Donations Are Now Coming Through Faster

More than one hundred dollars has been added to the Duke Kahanamoku fund and at last the public is beginning to respond in a way that gives promise of speedy success for the plan to buy the Hawaiian boy who has won the highest swimming honors in the world a house and lot as an appreciation of his efforts and the advertising he has given this country.

Never was there a donation to the fund that meant as much as one of \$47.05 that arrived at the Star-Bulletin office this morning from the leper settlement. When it is realized what a big percentage of their scanty allowance the people of the Molokai settlement have made, their generosity and desire to see the fund grow will be appreciated at its real value. Many of them gave every cent they had in the world.

The list of those who gave to fund from the settlement is as follows:  
Geo. Kahoukapu ..... \$ 5.00  
S. K. Kaunamano ..... 5.00  
Wm. Nottley ..... 10.00  
Wm. Kapela ..... 2.50  
John Haulani ..... 2.00  
Jas. Hatchie ..... 2.00  
Tommy Nini ..... 1.00  
C. A. Akim ..... 1.00  
John Kaapuni ..... 1.00  
John S. Wilmington ..... 1.00  
Henry Ma ..... 1.00  
Wm. K. Kapela Jr. .... 1.00  
Kealoa Keaweamahi ..... 1.00  
Ah Pa ..... 1.00  
Akamu ..... 1.00  
Lui Hoolapa ..... 1.00  
Chas. Pelaezelo ..... 1.00  
L. Nallima ..... .50  
John De Colto ..... .50

The fund now stands:  
Previously acknowledged ..... \$222.25  
Inmate Leper Settlement ..... 47.05  
Oahu League ..... 50.00  
Honolulu Photo Supply Co. and J. J. Williams ..... 12.95  
Total ..... \$332.25

### FIRMS FILE PETITIONS TO CONFIRM TITLES

Petition to register and confirm the title to the property beginning with the Arlington Hotel, on Hotel street, and extending down Fort street to and including the Boston building, was filed in the Court of Land Registration this morning by C. Brewer & Co., Ltd. The assessed value of the land sought to be registered is \$375,000.

The same firm also filed a petition to register and confirm title to property on the northeast side of Fort street, above Hotel street, assessed at \$6910.

The Hawaiian Trust Company, Ltd., for the estate of J. G. Hayseiden, filed petition to register and confirm title to the property back of the O. R. & L. Co. roundhouse, on King street. The assessed valuation sought to be registered is \$9000.

### DR. ELIOT WILL BE THE LUAU GUEST

(Special Star-Bulletin, Aerogram)  
HILLO, July 29.—Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, and his party have been taken on a special train to Maula tunnel, and will be guests at a luau during the day.

Estate of Richard T. Crane, transmitter, has been assessed the largest inheritance tax ever paid in Hawaii, the sum being \$329,131.